

KENTUCKY AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT FUND UPDATE

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ADF Meeting in Review

The Kentucky Agricultural Development Board started the summer off with a bang, approving just over \$12.3 million for Kentucky agriculture diversification and market development.

At its May, June and July meeting, the Board approved twenty-eight non-model projects for \$680,911 in county funds and \$3,262,397 in state funds. These projects ranged in scope from marketing and distribution of Kentucky products to retained ownership of cattle.

During the same three month period, the balance of funds approved (\$8.3 million) were for the 13 county model programs. County model programs provide farmers with cost-share funds to improve and diversify their current enterprises.

Agricultural Diversification

\$817,103 / 24 counties

Cattle Genetics Improvement

\$1,037,962 / 34 counties

Cattle Handling

\$1,322,863 / 32 counties

Dairy Diversification

\$503,000 / 10 county

Fencing Improvement

\$1,381,950 / 22 counties

Forage Improvement

\$772,031 / 21 counties

Goat Diversification

\$375,655 / 23 counties

[PHOTO: UK Ag Communications]



Linda & Jimmy Baird show-off their Little Kentucky Smokehouse hams, examples of Kentucky value-added products.

Hay, Straw, Commodity Storage

\$1,575,374 / 28 counties

On-farm Water Enhancement

\$130,230 / 5 counties

Shared-use Equipment

\$93,702 / 11 counties

Swine Diversification

\$20,515 / 3 counties

Technology

\$235,827 / 9 counties

Timber Production, Marketing & Utilization

\$63,805 / 3 counties

Through the course of its regular meetings, the Board has discussed several of Kentucky agriculture's hot button issues: the tobacco buyout & phase II;

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ADF Board Meetings in Review

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marketing & distribution of Kentucky agricultural products; and tobacco dependency of fund recipients.

To address the marketing & distribution issues facing Kentucky producers, the Board approved a two-year development project for a marketing distribution model, which will provide Kentucky producers access to retail markets that small producers and niche products have difficulty enter-

ing. **Allied Food Marketers West** will work with Kentucky producers to create a business incubator that will assist farmers in the steps that they must go through to pursue their business ideas and create viable *Kentucky Proud* products with solid marketing programs.

For more information on projects receiving funds at these meetings, visit agpolicy.ky.gov/news.shtml.

Model Program Updates & Reminders

SHARED-USE EQUIPMENT

Since the development of the new shared-use equipment program, a couple of new pieces of equipment have been added to the list of eligible items.

The following equipment has been added in the following areas:

1. **Forage**
Round Bale Wagon
5. **Other**
Thistle Sprayer

During their August meeting, the Board will consider adding plastic mulch remover and mulch wrapper to the list, as well.

REPORTING

Quarterly reports are submitted until the equipment is purchased. Annual reports are due on the anniversary date of the agreement. The reporting form is available on-line at <http://agpolicy.ky.gov/>.

CLOSE-OUT REPORTS

It has been over a year since the Producer Reports and corresponding close-out reports were designed for the model programs.

The Producer Reports assist administrators in obtaining the necessary information for the Quarterly Fiscal and the Close-out Reports. The Producer Report is filled out and returned to the administrator before reimbursement is given.

Administrators with agreements executed in June 2004 should be closing those programs (except Hay/Straw/Commodity Storage). Administrators have 60 days from the anniversary date of the agreement to submit a final quarterly report, the close out report, and a check for any remaining cost-share funds. If you have questions about closing out your program, then please contact Brad Nelson our Model Program Compliance Specialist at (502) 564-4627.

ON-LINE DOCUMENT POSTING SCHEDULE

Meeting Minutes:

After Board approval
the following month

County Balances:

3 –5 days after the ADB
Meeting

Press Releases:

1 –3 days after the
meeting or event

Advisories:

72 hours before the
meeting

Calendars:

General—monthly or as
necessary

Education/Events—
weekly

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Model Programs & Amendments:

Due 1st Friday of each
Month for consideration
at that month's Board
meeting.

Non-Model Project Applications:

Due 2nd Friday of each
Month for referral and
consideration at the
next month's meeting.

Out & About: Summer Field Days

Summer seems to be the season of choice for agriculture field days across the Commonwealth. As Area Project Analysts visited their counties this summer, county field days were a prominent stop on their schedules.

Madison County

Madison County held their field day at Acres of Land farm in Richmond. The focus of their field day was grape production and vinification.

During the event, the owners of Acres of Land were presented a check for their Agri-tourism Competitive Award. They received the award to purchase equipment for the establishment of a certified kitchen and vegetable processing operation at their current agri-tourism site.



Acres of Land Check Presentation at Madison County Field Day

L-R: Stephen Yates (GOAP), Terry Ammerman (LINK), Katherine & Lowell Land (Acres of Land), Mike Judge, (KDA), Keith Rogers (GOAP)

Green County

The Green County field day focused on forages, global positioning



Green County producers listen to John Stevenson with the Beef Network, during the electronic tagging demonstration.

technology, and animal identification. Demonstrations on electronic tagging and global positioning equipment were provided. The event was held at the Tommy Bailey Farm in Gabe.

Green County 4-Hers were recognized at the field day for their heifer chain project. Several participants were on-hand to receive a check for Green County Agricultural Development Funds to assist with the project costs.

*A special thank you
to all who helped make the
Regional Roundtables a
success.*

*The input that agents and council
members provided is greatly
appreciated and will help fine
tune the agricultural
development process, as we
move forward.*

GOAP WEBSITE UPDATES

County Account Availability (8/2/2005) posted:

<http://agpolicy.ky.gov/funds/availability.shtml>

ADF Board Meeting

Details updated:

<http://agpolicy.ky.gov/board/meetings.shtml>

Calendar updated:

<http://agpolicy.ky.gov/calendar.shtml>

Educational Events &

Festivals Calendar:

<http://agpolicy.ky.gov/kcade/education.shtml>

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FUTURE MEETINGS

KADF Board Meeting

Friday, August 19
10:00 a.m.
Louisville

Tobacco Settlement Oversight Committee

Tuesday, September 13
1:00 p.m.
Frankfort

KY Ag. Finance Corporation

Friday, September 9
Frankfort

**Meeting locations & times
subject to change**